

School Building Committee
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
7:00 p.m., Open Session
Hartwell Multipurpose Room

Present: Chris Fasciano, Chair; Kim Bodnar, Vice-Chair; Tim Christenfeld; Buck Creel; Jennifer Glass; Michael Haines; Gina Halsted; Sharon Hobbs; Becky McFall; Craig Nicholson; Peter Sugar; Owen Beenhouwer, liaison, Community Center; Christine Dugan, liaison, Conservation Commission; Ruth Ann Hendrickson, liaison, Water Commission; Ian Spencer, liaison, Public Safety; Peter von Mertens, liaison, Conservation Commission; John LaMarre, Consigli; Greg McGuirl, Consigli; Steve Thulan, Consigli, Shane Nolan, Daedalus; Jennifer Barshaw, SMMA; Joel Seeley, SMMA; Jennifer Soucy, SMMA.

Absent: Tara Mitchell; Steven Perlmutter; Peter Sugar; Doug Adams, liaison, Historical Commission; Andrew Glass, liaison, Historical Commission; Ed Lang, liaison, Green Energy Committee; Dan Pereira, liaison, Parks & Recreation Department; Gary Taylor, liaison, Planning Board;

Also Present: Rob Ford, Lincoln Public Schools Technology Director; Judith Lawler.

Welcome and Opening Comments: Chris Fasciano welcomed everyone at 7:01pm.

Public Comments: none

Review Interior Design Refinements: Joel Seeley, SMMA, introduced Jen Barshaw, SMMA, who reviewed interior design updates. This evening they are looking for approval to move forward.

- Updates include changes to colors of the restroom wall tile, carpet tile updates, graphics, etc.
- They have been working closely with EwingCole on the details, including “environmental graphics” that show the site plan of the Lincoln School property. They will be looking for an inspirational quote.
 - Becky McFall said that they will look to put key locations on the map, and then kids can use it as a learning tool.
 - A word cloud graphic is planned for outside of the library/media center. The goal is to have it developed by students and teachers.
- K-4 Gallery Corridor: This is an interactive space where students can work outside of the classroom. There are tack boards and marker boards, tables, and visibility into the science lab. The details will be fleshed out with the admin team. Dr. McFall said she will work with Principal Sarah Collmer and her team.
- Learning Commons: Proposing a graphic with a historical timeline, and would need to make sure each item is approved. The pattern on the floor is being developed to echo what is on the exterior and the lengths/widths of the accent colors are being planned so that they become learning tools. There will be a key plan on the wall so that students know the measurements of different colors.
- Library: Proposing to make the tops of the book cases wood in order to bring in a warm element to the room. This is a change as a result of replacing the wood-look acoustic ceiling with a white acoustic ceiling.
- Dining Commons: The updated image shows the white ceiling and colorful acoustic wall panels at the east end.
- Art gallery in the Reed Connector: SMMA is looking for feedback on what kind of artwork will be hung in order to determine what kind of hardware to install. Currently shows just 2D art spaces.

- Learning Commons acoustical panels: Kim Bodnar commented that the proposed colors of the panels strike her as too vibrant, and that they may end up being distracting in this elegant space. There was additional discussion about the colors, and Dr. McFall suggested that maybe SMMA could provide a couple of different options with different colors pallets for that space.
- Ms. Barshaw reviewed the colors for each grade level. Graphics will be incorporated that are appropriate for the grade level.

Review Brooks Building Exteriors: Jennifer Soucy, SMMA, showed refinements of the exterior design of the Auditorium and Reed Gym. She said that this evening is an opportunity to have a discussion and provide direction. She showed images of the current school buildings (Brooks and Reed) and of modernist houses in Lincoln that use Concrete Masonry Units (CMU).

- CMU will be used on the north side of the building.
- The upper volumes could be brick or CMU.
- Option 1: Red brick everywhere except the side panels of the Auditorium.
- Option 1b: Light gray brick on the upper level of Reed and the side panels of the Auditorium – mimics the colors that we have now.
- Option 2a: Similar to 1b, but has white flecked CMU instead of gray brick.
- Option 2b: Uses darker CMU.
 - Judith Lawler asked about the brick we have already chosen for the entries — would the darker color be similar to what is proposed around the entryways? Ms. Soucy said that they would try to make it match as closely as possible.
- After discussion, there was agreement that option 1b is the preferred direction, with the proviso that the lower level of Reed on the east side be in the red brick, not the light gray brick.
 - SMMA was directed to proceed with option 1b.

Review Salvaged Items:

- The Smith Gym stage flooring is being used in the Learning Commons behind the platform.
- The butterfly and the deCordova bell are being preserved.
 - Butterfly is proposed to be on a granite block with a post, total about 10' high.
 - Bell proposed to be in a niche in the Reed connector.
- Student art tiles are partially preserved. Those that are being removed will be documented.
- The mobile and dedication plaque in the library will be remounted.
- There are a number of plaques and benches that will need to be considered for re-installation.
- The playground dedication bricks will be installed where the existing Brooks entrance is. This is a change in location due to the reduction of walkways during Value Engineering.
- Granite benches will be relocated in the Brooks area.
- Mr. Seeley said that everything gets catalogued and relocated.
- Ms. Lawler noted that there had been a couple of members of the public who were concerned about the dismantling of the bell tower. The Committee agreed that the project is well beyond that point of the planning process.

Updated Monthly Budget and Site Permitting Update: Shane Nolan, Daedalus, provided a progress report.

- The 60% Construction Documents are complete.
- Site permitting is underway with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.
- SMMA and SunPower have been coordinating.
- The project is now into 90% Construction Documents phase.
- Ms. Bodnar asked about how the Commissioning Agent is involved. Mr. Nolan said that the CA has been reviewing the design and providing input. The CA has done two reviews and they will also review the project at 90% CDs. Comments get incorporated at each step. Mr. Christenfeld

asked whether the nature of the comments could come back to the SBC. Ms. Bodnar asked about what kinds of input the CA provides. Mr. Seeley said that, for example, the CA may recommend a different overlap in materials to ensure the integrity of the building envelope. Mr. Christenfeld said that Ed Lang had asked whether the CA's comments could be given to the OPR committee. Mr. Nolan will forward them.

- The November 13th SBC meeting is being changed to November 14th (a Thursday).
- Mr. Nolan reported that there was a final review of floor plan details with Dr. McFall and her team.
- The modular work is going well.
- Pre-qualification of trade subcontractors will take place October through December. There will be a subcommittee to review the subcontractors.
- Project budget: The spreadsheet now includes, per Peter Sugar's request, a column that shows what was paid out in the last month.

Construction Update: John LaMarre, Consigli said that 22 of the 37 modulares are now on site. They are being put together, and after they are set, the temporary parking lot will be completed.

- Michael Haines asked about the site protection along the campus roadways, and whether that much of the barrier material is needed now that the modulares have been delivered. Mr. LaMarre noted that all of the protection may not be needed December to June. Mr. Haines said that the Town is concerned that it will deteriorate when the plows are out. Mr. LaMarre said they will coordinate with the Conservation Commission and the DPW.
- Dr. McFall asked about the extra week that is needed to haul the modulares, noting that the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Hanscom Primary School is on October 2nd. Mr. LaMarre said the trailers will be off the Hanscom Campus by then.

Outreach Update: Ms. Bodnar reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at 10am, in Hartwell. In the last blog post tried to give a brief overview of the history of the project. Ms. Bodnar suggested that the blog post could be forwarded to people who have questions about where we are in the project.

Gina Halsted reported that Outreach will be at the middle school Curriculum Night; they will hand out the phasing schedule.

Educational Working Group Update: Ms. Soucy reported that there was an Auditorium scoping meeting earlier in the week. Next SMMA needs to review the hardware package with the admin team.

OPR/MEP/GEC Incentive Working Group Update: Mr. Nicholson reiterated they are looking forward to getting the CA's report.

Solar Working Group Update: Mr. Christenfeld said that the group met last week and will meet again next week. He said that 2 weeks ago there was a meeting at SMMA with SunPower to look at how the panels attach to the roof, and it was a very productive conversation. The next priority is the contract with SunPower, which may take a couple of months. The group is starting with a power options template and hoping that Eversource will approve our interconnection application as submitted. As we move towards the completion of the contract, SunPower will devote more resources to the project. Mr. Christenfeld said that there are two state entities involved in the process, DOER and the DPU. DOER is revisiting the rules of reimbursement for projects such as ours in order to encourage our type of project. Those regulations would go into effect later in the fall. The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee signed a joint letter of support for the new rules. We are interested in making sure that the "good will" extensions will accommodate our time line.

- Ms. Bodnar asked whether there are any issues with getting our project finished before the other big school projects come on line. Mr. Christenfeld said that SunPower and other providers are busy, but it should not impact our timeline.

Approve Minutes from September 4th and September 11th Meeting:

- Mr. Nicholson moved that we approve the minutes of September 4th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Christenfeld and approved unanimously.
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Discussion of other Topics:

- none

Adjournment: Mr. Christenfeld made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Nicholson. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Glass.